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Louisiana Crop Progress and Condition Report



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Week Ending July 30, 2017

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Louisiana, there were 5.6 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, July 30, 2017**. Topsoil moisture supplies were 4 percent very short, 10 percent short, 75 percent adequate, and 11 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supplies were 3 percent very short, 12 percent short, 72 percent adequate, and 13 percent surplus. Low temperatures ranged from 70.4 degrees Fahrenheit at Homer to 77.4 degrees Fahrenheit at Morgan City. Highs ranged from 88.6 degrees Fahrenheit at Oberlin Fire Tower to 96.6 degrees Fahrenheit at Minden. The precipitation for this week was spread throughout the state, with the highest concentration in the east central part of the state with an average of 2.00 inches.

Crop progress for week ending July 30, 2017				
Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Corn, dough	100	98	100	99
Corn, dent	97	92	90	94
Corn, mature	83	50	47	57
Corn, harvested	17	5	7	NA
Cotton, squaring	100	99	100	99
Cotton, setting bolls	88	77	84	87
Cotton, open bolls	14	10	14	5
Hay, second cutting	60	50	63	71
Rice, headed	88	81	90	91
Rice, mature	48	30	50	36
Rice, harvested	26	10	19	12
Sorghum, headed	100	96	100	99
Sorghum, coloring	90	76	86	84
Sorghum, mature	65	30	39	37
Sorghum, harvested	4	0	5	6
Soybeans, blooming	98	94	97	94
Soybeans, setting pods	94	87	88	85
Soybeans, turning color	36	18	9	12
Soybeans, dropping leaves	7	NA	2	3
Soybeans, mature	4	NA	NA	NA
Soybeans, harvested	2	0	0	0
Sugarcane, planted	1	0	2	NA

NA = Not Available.

Crop condition for week ending July 30, 2017					
Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Corn	0	0	12	66	22
Cotton	0	0	13	81	6
Livestock	3	6	26	55	10
Pasture	2	5	31	50	12
Rice	0	8	20	60	12
Sorghum	0	3	23	72	2
Soybeans	0	2	13	77	8
Sugarcane	0	2	19	67	12
Sweet Potatoes	0	1	11	86	2
Vegetables	1	7	31	58	3

Comments from Cooperative Extension Service Parish Agents

“The first load of corn delivered to a commercial elevator occurred last weekend. Several producers harvested high moisture corn to dry in on-farm storage. Depending on rain showers corn harvest will be in full progress next week. Some early soybeans have also been harvested. Crops look good.

– Carol Pinnell-Alison, Franklin Parish

“Improved ground conditions allowed farmers back in the field. The rice harvest is underway, corn yields reported to be really good, and early soybeans are close to harvest. Some soybean acres have been harvested where sugarcane will be planted. Hay mowers and balers were on the move as well. Crawfish ponds were being worked for spring plantings. The rare cool front and recent 10 days of good weather has been welcomed by most.”

– Vincent Deshotel, Saint Landry Parish

“Rain held off this week and allowed rice harvest to get back to a normal pace.”

– Frances Guidry, Jefferson Davis Parish

“Rice harvest got into high gear with fields finally drying out. Yields have been ok so far. Soybeans are looking better and fungicides are being applied. In drier areas of the parish, some hay was cut for the first time even though quality isn't there.”

– James “Jimmy” Meaux, Calcasieu Parish

“Area received little to no rain towards the end of week allowing for farmers to get in their fields. Early soybean harvest looks good with yields in upper 40 bushel range. Overdue pastures were cut for hay where quality, not quantity will be an issue. Sugarcane planting has begun on a few farms where plant height is excellent; but it is still too early to determine plant population and planting ratios. With a good weather forecast for next week, farmers should make good progress in the field and have a better gauge on the condition of sugarcane, soybeans, and rice.”

– Blair Hebert, Iberia Parish

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Louisiana Weather Summary for Week Ending July 30, 2017										
Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	Rain Days	DFN	Four Weeks	Four Weeks DFN
Northwest										
Minden	96.6	75.0	85.8	82.6	3.2	0.42	2	-0.24	2.10	-1.14
Mooringsport	96.1	74.1	85.1	83.2	1.9	0.14	2	-0.54	2.23	-0.71
Red River	93.4	75.8	84.6	83.4	1.2	0.01	1	-0.55	1.12	-1.95
Shreveport	93.9	73.3	83.6	83.0	0.6	0.78	3	-0.12	2.46	-1.50
Extreme/Average	95.0	74.5	84.8	83.1	1.7	0.34	3	-0.36	1.98	-1.32
North Central										
Calhoun	NA	NA	NA	81.6	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Farmerville	NA	NA	NA	82.4	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Homer	91.0	70.4	80.7	81.0	-0.3	0.00	0	-0.44	1.01	-2.11
Extreme/Average	91.0	70.4	80.7	81.6	-0.3	0.00	0	-0.44	1.01	-2.11
Northeast										
Lake Providence	90.3	73.1	81.7	82.8	-1.0	0.97	4	0.25	1.58	0.74
St Joseph	92.2	73.4	82.8	82.8	0.0	0.98	3	0.26	1.22	-2.52
Tallulah	93.7	74.5	84.1	82.2	1.9	2.95	4	2.34	2.95	1.06
Winnsboro	NA	NA	NA	82.8	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Extreme/Average	92.1	73.7	82.9	82.6	0.3	1.63	4	0.95	1.92	-0.24
West Central										
Ashland	NA	NA	NA	81.8	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Hodges Gardens	NA	NA	NA	83.1	NA	NA	NA	NA	3.69	1.48
Leesville	90.7	72.3	81.5	81.7	-0.2	0.97	2	0.18	3.26	-0.28
Natchitoches	93.4	75.1	84.3	83.7	0.6	1.87	4	0.85	5.39	1.71
Extreme/Average	92.1	73.7	82.9	82.6	0.2	1.42	4	0.52	4.11	0.97
Central										
Alexandria	90.9	74.4	82.6	83.5	-0.9	0.80	4	-0.11	2.95	-0.96
Bunkie	90.0	74.3	82.1	82.7	-0.5	2.18	3	1.42	5.54	2.18
Eunice	NA	NA	NA	84.0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Jonesville Locks	90.1	73.4	81.8	82.8	-1.0	2.83	2	2.08	3.71	0.62
New Roads	89.2	73.0	81.7	83.0	-1.3	0.66	1	0.20	3.87	0.77
Extreme/Average	90.1	73.8	82.1	83.2	-1.0	1.62	4	0.90	4.02	0.65
East Central										
Baton Rouge	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.83	2	-0.45	3.45	-1.04
Hammond	NA	NA	NA	81.8	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Norwood	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	1.21	2	NA	10.98	NA
Slidell	89.0	74.4	81.7	NA	NA	3.96	5	NA	6.57	NA
Extreme/Average	89.0	74.4	81.7	81.8	NA	2.00	5	-0.45	7.00	-1.04
Southwest										
Crowley	90.2	74.4	82.3	82.3	0.0	0.20	2	-0.57	5.45	0.74
DeRidder	NA	NA	NA	82.4	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Jennings	89.7	74.7	82.2	82.4	-0.1	1.24	4	0.26	6.52	2.12
Oberlin Fire	88.6	74.6	81.6	82.1	-0.6	0.00	0	-1.06	4.01	-0.81
Extreme/Average	89.5	74.6	82.0	82.3	-0.2	0.48	4	-0.46	5.33	0.68
South Central										
Donaldsonville	90.6	74.1	82.4	82.0	0.4	0.95	3	-0.38	5.73	0.01
Jeanerette	90.0	73.2	81.6	82.4	-0.8	0.87	4	-0.07	8.95	3.17
Lafayette	NA	NA	NA	81.9	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Morgan City	90.7	77.4	84.1	82.3	1.8	1.17	3	-0.24	4.89	-1.03
Extreme/Average	90.4	74.9	82.7	82.2	0.5	1.00	4	-0.23	6.52	0.72
Southeast										
Galliano	91.3	75.1	83.2	82.5	0.7	0.28	1	-1.50	2.84	-4.11
Gonzales	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0.41	3	-0.90	5.02	-0.40
Grand Isle	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
New Orleans	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Extreme/Average	91.3	75.1	83.2	82.5	0.7	0.34	3	-1.20	3.93	-2.26
State	90.9	73.8	82.4	82.4	0.1	0.95	3	-0.10	3.98	-0.45

DFN = Departure from Normal.
Normal = Averaged Collected Data from the Years 1981-2010.
NA = Not Available.